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QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

Engineer.—Please give me some information as to the steamboat said to have been invented by one William Longstreet, of the State of Georgia.

Without attempting to give our correspondent all the information at hand on this subject, we gladly give the following: By an act of the Georgia Legislature, approved February 1st, 1788, the sole and exclusive privilege was secured by Isaac Briggs and William Longstreet of using for fourteen years a newly constructed steam engine invented by them. At a meeting of the New Jersey Historical Society, held January 23, 1879, "Mr. Peter A. Voorhees submitted a certified copy of a letter from William Longstreet of Georgia, grandfather of General Longstreet of the Confederate Army, written to the Governor of that State, showing that between the years of 1787 and 1790 he had constructed a steamboat on the Savannah river. Mr. Voorhees stated there could be no doubt of the construction of the boat, but it was soon after destroyed."